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1. "Buero Schlaak", VEB Peenewerft Wolgast

- a. The official title of this office is Konstruktionsbuero I (KB I); it is responsible for new construction of vessels for the Seepo under the Buero fuer Wirtschaftsfragen. The Ministerium fuer Maschinenbau, HV Schiffbau, appointed Schlaak and the members of the KB I. The vessels now on order for the Seepo (Drache, Habicht, etc.) were designed by the KB I, and VEB Peenewerft Wolgast was to complete the fitting out of the hulls.

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end of July 1954, Schlaak died. No successor has been appointed, although it was stated that Helmut Gebauer, chief of the HVS, offered the job to Werner Ulrich who refused to accept it. The HVS has transferred many designers from other yards to strengthen the KB I.

2. Seepo contracts at various yards:a. VEB Staatswerft Rostensee

Cutters (Seakutters), powered by Junkers motors and tugs (Scholle) with 300 hp Buckau-Wolf motors, are in production and are being fitted out at VEB Yachtwerft, Berlin, under Konstrukteur Doktor. Russian naval officers are reported to have attended conferences at the Yachtwerft. The contract for the tugs was cancelled after the 17 June 1953 uprisings, but in 1954, the Staatswerft completed ten 300-hp tugs for export to Russia; these were improved Scholle and had a beam of 30 cm. more than the original design, to increase stability.

b. VEB Rosslauer Schiffswerft

- (1.) At the end of July 1954, a Schnellboot which had been designed for the Seepo was observed in a shed; special permits were necessary to obtain entrance to the

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shed. The keel of the Schnellboot had been laid, and the first frames and bulkheads were ready for riveting. Scarcity of rivets has caused a work stoppage, and it is possible that the riveting may have to be done at VEB Autoreparaturwerk und Werkstaetten fuer Metallverarbeitung, Wismar.. Specification of this Schnellboot are as follows:

Length: 26 m.
Beam: 6 m.
Draught: 1.5 m. (approximate)
Motors: 3 of 3000-hp each
Speed: 40 knots

(2.) Personnel:

Yard Manager - Walter Hinnrichs, [redacted] 25X1
Technische Leiter - Dipl. Ing. Rudolf Postl [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
Chief of Construction: Ing. Koch [redacted] 25X1
Chief of Shipbuilding Section: Ing. Lauterbach, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1

3. Electrical Apparatus:

a. VEB Funkwerk Koepenick

A Konstruktionsbuero exists for the development of radio, radar (Echolot), and control devices. This Buero has worked on a project for 100 w transmitters and receivers and D/F sets for the VEB Staatswerft Rothersee. 25X1

b. [redacted]

4. "Zentrales Konstruktionsbuero" (PKB). Berlin-Koepenick

The method of preparing shipbuilding projects was revised in June 1954, and the ZKB in Seelenbinderstr. is the supreme authority with the power to allocate specific problems to other Bueros through East Germany. It has two branches: 25X1

a. Projektierungsbuero Koepenick, Bahnhofstrasse. Staff members Schiffsbauingenieur Waechtel and Wagner and Bauingenieur Yokisch [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] Oberlsg. Meise [redacted] the former technical di- 25X1
Director of VEB Warnowerft Warnemuende is the chief of ZKB. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1

b. Konstruktionsbuero, Karlshorst, Stuehlingerstr 6.

(1) The "Hentschke" group is working on the preliminaries for building an installation for towing tests (Schleppversuchsanstalt). [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the first towing trials will take place in 1954. This project is, in fact, a testing-tank for hull forms which is to be built in Koepenick. 25X1

* Depth sounding device

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



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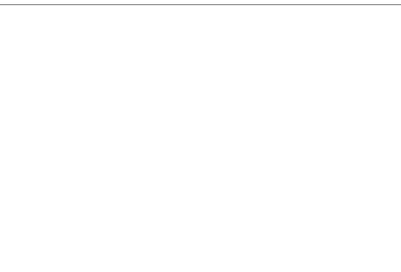
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1.  Comment: The Buero fuer Wirtschaftsfragen has been redesignated Abteilung Auftragserteilung, Ministerium des Innern. 25X1
2.  Comment: Buokau-Wolf is now known as VEB Schwermaschinenbau Karl Liebknecht, Magdeburg. 25X1
3.  Comment: Not further identified; probably Deutsche Werke Kiel A.G., Werftstrasse 114. 25X1
4.  Comment: Not further identified. 25X1

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